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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: THERAPEUTIC LIPOSOME COMPOSITION
AND METHOD OF PREPARATION

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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated September 10, 2002 in the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims: Please replace claims 30, 31, and 37 with the following re-written claims:

c1 30. (Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the vesicle-forming lipid is selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated soy phosphatidylcholine, distearoylphosphatidylcholine, sphingomyelin, diacyl glycerol, phosphatidyl ethanolamine, phosphatidylglycerol, distearyl phosphatidylcholine, and distearyl phosphatidylethanolamine.

31. (Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein said liposomes further contain a cationic lipid shielded by said coating of hydrophilic polymer chains, said cationic lipid being effective to impart a positive liposome-surface charge.

c2 37. (Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein at least a portion of the hydrophilic polymer chains are joined by a chemically releasable bond.